

When faced with a problem or challenge, you tend to ask yourself: "What am I going to do?" Well-meaning family members and friends will ask: "What are *you* going to do?" Jehoshaphat faced a multitude of enemies, but instead of focusing on what he would do, he prayed: "O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." (2 Chronicles 20:12)

When we turn our eyes to God, we will hear Him say: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's...You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17) Standing still is the last thing we want to do when the enemy is coming against us. It is also the most difficult thing to do, because we feel that we cannot just stand around and do nothing - we must try to save the situation. However, God wants us to stand still and see Jesus our salvation fight for us.

So what do you do the next time you are faced with a battle and don't know what to do? Jehoshaphat sent his singers to the front of the army to proclaim: "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever." (2 Chronicles 20:21) Some believers will wonder: "Does that mean that I just sing and don't do anything else when I have a problem?" No. Do what the situation requires, but don't worry and don't trust in what you do. Like Jehoshaphat, rest and trust in His mercy that endures forever. When you do that, God will turn your battlefield into the Valley Of Berachah. Berachah means "blessings". The children of Israel gave the battlefield this name because it took them three days to gather all the spoils of war! God turned their situation into a great blessing! (2 Chronicles 20:25-26) So, when you have a battle to fight, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!

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